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For: PET REFUSE TOOL AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of twenty (20) pages
- ☒ Nine (9) sheet(s) informal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☐ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on .
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- b. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). 60/396,447 filed on July 17, 2002, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
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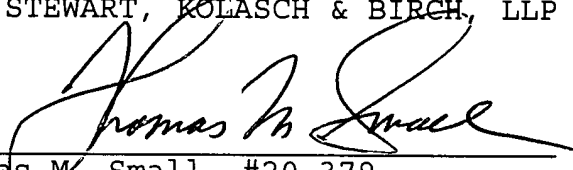
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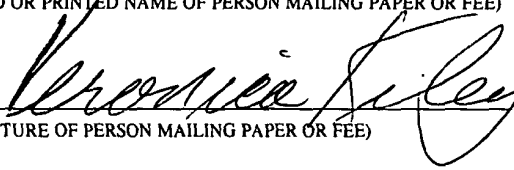
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  - Background of Invention;
  - Brief Summary of Invention;
  - Brief Description of Drawings;
  - Detailed Description;
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